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THIS year the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society is of age. In 1873 it began as a child. The work was to be learned, methods formulated, experience gained. With what caution the first missionary was appointed! What a weight of responsibility was felt when the publication of the *HELPER* was begun! With the years confidence increased. The child learned to walk alone. As different phases of the work were considered, and important matters had to be decided, judgment was developed, and the young miss grew rapidly. In 1894 she has felt the thrill of her twenty-first birthday. Fairly well educated in work, with her forces organized, with some well invested funds for a financial basis, is it a wonder that she feels confidence in growing usefulness? There is no more glorious time in the life of a young person than when she thus stands facing her future. There is no greater hope for humanity than the existence of such well equipped organizations, ready to grapple with the world's needs. But is there no danger? Yes. When a young person thinks she knows everything, or that she is equal in herself for all that life will bring, she is sure to meet humiliation. So a society that shall forget that "*without Me ye can do nothing*" is in danger. May humble trust in God mark the future of the developing matron.

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TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
FREE BAPTIST WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

PRESENTED AT ITS ANNUAL MEETING AT JOHNSTON, R. I.,  
OCTOBER, 1894.

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING.

MINUTES.

The annual meeting of the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society was held at 2 P. M. this day, in accordance with the following call :

The annual meeting of the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society will be held at the Olneyville Free Baptist church, Johnston, R. I., on Tuesday, Oct. 2, at 2 P. M., for the following purposes : 1. To elect all officers required by the constitution to be elected at the annual meeting ; 2. To consider and act upon proposed changes in the constitution ; 3. To transact any other business which may then be legally acted upon.

EMELINE B. CHENEY, *Rec. Sec.*

*Lewiston, Me., Sept. 11, 1894.*

The president was in the chair. Prayer was offered by Mrs. E. B. Cheney. Records of the Board meetings were read and approved.

*Voted*, Not to change the constitution.

The following changes were made in the by-laws : In Article I., Section 3, the word "clerk" was changed to "recording secretary." Article I., Section 4, the word "foreign" was omitted. Article I., Section 5, the word "corresponding" was omitted. Article III., Section 3, the word "corporation" was changed to "society."

*Voted*, That the action taken Oct. 8, 1892, referring to sale and transfer of property from the Cristy estate by the

Society, be so amended that the transfer shall be made by the president and treasurer, as provided for in the by-laws, instead of by Alice M. Metcalf, recording secretary.

*Voted*, That the four general officers be elected by ballot.

*Voted*, That we proceed to ballot for the four general officers.

Mrs. C. A. Ricker and Mrs. S. C. G. Avery were appointed tellers. During the voting Mrs. M. A. W. Bachelder presented the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That we express to Mrs. E. B. Cheney our appreciation of the faithful, painstaking care she has given to the MISSIONARY HELPER ; of the sweet Christian spirit which has characterized all her associations, and of the ability she has brought to the task assigned her. That we most cordially thank her for all she has done for the MISSIONARY HELPER, and through it, to the cause of missions, and express the hope that the Woman's Missionary Society may long be favored with her helpful services.

After the reading of the resolution Mrs. E. B. Cheney was introduced and spoke of her work for the HELPER. Mrs. N. W. Whitcomb, the successor of Mrs. E. B. Cheney as editor of the HELPER, was introduced and greeted by the society. The result of the balloting was announced. [See second page.]

Mrs. M. A. W. Bachelder was appointed to escort the newly elected president to the chair. The resolution relative to the retiring editor of the MISSIONARY HELPER was unanimously adopted. The following committee for nominating the remaining officers was appointed by the president : Mrs. M. A. W. Bachelder, Mrs. E. B. Cheney, Mrs. M. S. Waterman, Mrs. C. V. Spooner, Mrs. E. D. Jordan.

The report of the treasurer, Miss L. A. DeMeritte, was accepted. The report for the home secretaries, as presented by Mrs. E. D. Jordan, was accepted. The report of the publication committee, as given by Mrs. Ella E. Stanton, was accepted. The report of the publisher of the MISSIONARY HELPER, Mrs. E. H. Andrews, was read and accepted. The



recommendation from the Board of Managers in regard to the assignment of the HELPER subscribers was presented by Mrs. E. H. Andrews, and adopted.

The assignments to Yearly Meetings and Associations are as follows :

New Hampshire . . . . .	\$550
Maine . . . . .	700
Vermont . . . . .	100
Massachusetts . . . . .	250
Rhode Island . . . . .	350
New York and Pennsylvania . . . . .	300
Ohio . . . . .	200
Indiana . . . . .	100
Illinois . . . . .	100
Michigan . . . . .	400
Wisconsin . . . . .	100
Minnesota . . . . .	150
Kansas . . . . .	40
Dakota . . . . .	30
Iowa . . . . .	150
Nebraska . . . . .	50
Total . . . . .	\$3570

*Voted*, That we indorse the recommendation of the Board of Managers on commissions, on the following conditions : That a five per cent commission be offered all agents of the MISSIONARY HELPER for more than five and less than ten renewals of subscriptions ; that ten per cent be offered for ten or more renewals ; that ten per cent be offered on *new* subscriptions less than ten, and twenty per cent on new subscriptions of ten or more.

Report of the bureau of intelligence was read by Mrs. S. C. G. Avery, and accepted.

*Voted*, To adjourn to Wednesday, Oct. 3, at close of the meeting of the Education Society. Prayer was offered by Mrs. E. E. Stanton. Adjourned.

A meeting of the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society was held, according to adjournment, with the president in the chair. Prayer was offered by Mrs. N. W. Whitcomb. The

records of the last meeting were read and approved. The report of children's work was read by Mrs. J. M. Hooper, and accepted. The committee on nominations presented its report and the officers were declared elected. [See second page.]

The card system, which was presented to the Board of Managers from the executive committee of the Conference Board and recommended to the society, was presented and on recommendation adopted.

The following resolution from the committee appointed by the Board to prepare a statement of the conditions existing between the Woman's Missionary Society and Conference Board, in regard to unifying the work, was adopted :

Whereas the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society appreciates the system of work expressed in the charter and constitution of the Free Baptist General Conference, therefore, *Resolved*, that we hereby express our conviction that a joint committee of conference, consisting of an equal number of members of the Conference Board and Board of the Woman's Missionary Society should be appointed, to whom may be referred all matters relating to the mutual interests of both organizations.

M. S. WATERMAN, } *Committee.*  
MARY R. WADE, }

The following recommendation from the Board was adopted : That the society plan for a day of prayer to be observed annually, at the Auxiliary meetings in February, and arrange some special date to be observed in churches where there is no Auxiliary.

*Voted*, That a committee of two be appointed to further arrange for such a service. Mrs. M. R. Wade and Mrs. E. H. Andrews were appointed.

*Voted*, To adjourn to Thursday, Oct. 4, at close of afternoon service. Adjourned.

An adjourned meeting of the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society was held at the close of the afternoon service. Prayer was offered by Mrs. E. E. Stanton.

The following recommendation was adopted: We recommend to our Auxiliaries that they observe annually their February meeting as a season of special prayer for God's blessing on our missionaries and mission work in both home and foreign fields, and that we suggest to churches where there is no Auxiliary that a similar service be observed the first Sunday in February each year.

ELLA H. ANDREWS, } Committee.  
MARY R. WADE, }

*Voted*, That the vote making our headquarters at Lewiston be declared null and void.

*Voted*, That the recording secretary be instructed to publish the recommendation concerning the special day of prayer in *HELPER* and other denominational publications during the month of January each year.

The following resolution was adopted:

Whereas the Quarterly Meetings of New York and Pennsylvania are planning to assume the support of native teachers employed by the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society; therefore, *Resolved*, that we hereby heartily welcome the women of Pennsylvania and New York to the work of the Society, sharing with the other workers its pains and pleasures, its labors and rewards.

By vote of the Board of Managers, Dr. Nellie Phillips was invited to speak upon the necessity of kindergarten work in India. She accordingly gave a suggestive and interesting address.

Mrs. Mary R. Wade was present as delegate from the Maine Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society.

Records of the meeting were read and approved. Prayer was offered by Mrs. E. D. Jordan. Adjourned.

ALICE M. METCALF, *Rec. Sec.*

A public meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society was held Wednesday evening, in the Plainfield St. church. The report of the corresponding secretary was presented. Addresses

were delivered by the president, Miss L. A. DeMeritte, and Miss L. Coombs. Appropriate music was rendered by the church choir.

ALICE M. METCALF, *Rec. Sec.*

### REPORTS OF HOME SECRETARIES.

[*Mrs. M. M. Brewster for New England.*]

During the past year dear old New England's branch has had good sap flowing through it, and a vigorous life has been the result. No parching drought has withered it, or mildew of discouragement and depression blighted its fruit. The reports which come to the secretary are suggestive of growth, well tilled soil, and fruitage. Activity, faith, and hopefulness have characterized the workers.

#### MAINE.

MAINE ASSOCIATION.—PRESIDENT, MRS. M. R. WADE, DOVER, ME.; RECORDING SECRETARY, MRS. A. B. WEBBER, NORTH BERWICK, ME.

Quarterly Meetings.	Q. M. Secretaries.	No. of Churches.	No. of Auxiliaries.	No. of Members.	No. of Bands.	No. of Members.	No. of Helpers taken.	Amount Raised.
Anson .....	Mrs. Lydia Durrell .....	18	3	52	.....	.....	17	\$69.08
Aroostook .....	" Mary Kneeland .....	10	4	52	1	25	15	63.20
Bowdoin .....	" Emma A. Purington ..	30	11	270	11	35	111	322.31
Cumberland .....	" O. W. Fullom .....	25	10	220	5	.....	90	358.00
Edgecomb .....	" Eva E. Soule .....	10	1	15	.....	.....	8	27.47
Ellsworth .....	" Ella M. Smith .....	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	31.75
Exeter .....	" E. L. Tasker .....	19	4	.....	2	.....	35	77.95
Farmington .....	" C. E. Tedford .....	19	3	60	.....	.....	25	138.87
Houlton .....	.....	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	3.00
Ouisfield .....	" E. H. Abbott .....	12	3	42	2	24	20	35.10
Parsonsfield .....	" E. M. Brown .....	14	5	49	.....	.....	25	79.49
Prospect & Unity ..	" R. S. Higgins .....	10	.....	33	.....	.....	4	40.85
Springfield .....	" Mary E. Whitney .....	7	1	36	.....	.....	4	46.70
Sebec .....	" Annie B. Emerson .....	14	4	.....	.....	.....	23	71.04
Waterville .....	Miss Helen S. Sawtelle ..	10	5	36	.....	.....	9	38.70
York .....	" Dora Jordan .....	14	6	129	2	32	48	237.79
Miscellaneous .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	124.79
Total .....		255	60	774	18	116	453	\$1786.69

The actual amount of money contributed by the state is \$1825.24.

The review of the year proves the word, "The silver and the gold are mine."

The faith of our loyal, enthusiastic women has caused the shadows to recede. During the four years of our state organization there has been a constant gain in receipts. Our future is bright with promise. The large area of our state demands more of detail in systematic lines than if our organizations were more compact. There are three churches in the Cumberland Q. M. and in the York Q. M. that pay but have no organizations.

Among the new features are: (1) The system inaugurated last year of membership in a state society apart from or additional to that of the Auxiliary. This has proved to be a good thing. Its main feature is the payment of one dollar annually, which constitutes one a member and yearly voter, or ten dollars a life member and permanent voter. (2) Three field agents and three agents for the HELPER. Last year we had 470 subscribers; this year we have 550. The discrepancy in the statistics shows the need of accurate reports in the local Auxiliaries, that the Q. M. secretary may give just credit. We are asked by the publishing committee to increase to 700. Let every Auxiliary take note, and with a strong pull all together make it 1000. We have a literature committee who will furnish supplies, also mission literature. Each Q. M. W. M. S. is asked to observe a rallying day during the year. A special vote was taken to use our influence to increase the subscription list of the *Morning Star*. Plans and methods are the means; the desired end is secured only by individual effort.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE.

NEW HAMPSHIRE YEARLY MEETING.—PRESIDENT, MRS. M. G. OSGOOD, ALTON, N. H.; SECRETARY, MISS ELLA C. HURD, EAST MANCHESTER, N. H.; TREASURER, MRS. J. W. SCRIBNER, GOSSVILLE, N. H.

Quarterly Meetings.	Q. M. Secretaries.	No. of Churches.	No. of Auxiliaries.	No. of Members.	No. of Bands.	No. of Members.	No. of Helpers taken.	Amount Raised.
Belknap .....	Mrs. L. A. Sanborn.....	6	110	1	95	58	\$178.21	
Lisbon .....	" T. E. A. Morrell.....	3	40	1	12	28	57.65	
Mer. Val. Asso....	Mr. Fred Heath.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	91.41	
New Durham.....	Mrs. M. G. Osgood.....	9	105	.....	44	74	407.06	
Rockingham .....	Miss Mary Tuttle.....	.....	105	2	99	95	298.39	
Sandwich.....	Mrs. C. E. Blake.....	3	57	3	95	21	173.83	
Wentworth.....	No organization.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Wolfboro.....	Mrs. Jennie Garland.....	3	29	1	12	23	42.64	
Total.....		24	446	8	357	299	\$1249.19	

In this state there has been a gain on all lines. Several new Auxiliaries have been formed, and subscriptions to the HELPER have increased. The plan to raise \$1600, though not fully matured, has been most helpful in emphasizing the importance of individual effort and division in bearing responsibility. The same sum is divided among the Quarterly Meetings and churches for another year. There has been some success in honoring the office of Quarterly and Yearly Meeting treasurer.

After years of care for the salary of Mrs. Lightner at Storer College, a change has been made to the support of the department of domestic science, the salary of Mrs. L. being provided for by the Christy Fund. This society has a strong force in its executive board, and is to be congratulated on its wise decision to publish a pamphlet report of its year's work.

## VERMONT.

VERMONT YEARLY MEETING.—PRESIDENT, MRS. CHESTER DICKEY, WASHINGTON; SECRETARY, MRS. G. M. PRESCOTT, LYNDON CENTER.

Quarterly Meetings.	Q. M. Secretaries.	No. of Churches.	No. of Auxiliaries.	No. of Members.	No. of Bands.	No. of Members.	No. of Helpers taken.	Amount Raised.
Corinth .....	Mrs. Chester Dickey.....	7	5	30	1	25	15	\$74.80
Enosburgh .....	" J. W. Burgin.....	5	1	6	.....	.....	.....	25.00
Huntington .....	" C. N. Richardson.....	11	3	15	1	10	.....	60.18
Stanstead .....	Miss Fannie Moulton.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30.75
Strafford .....	Mrs. J. S. Barrett.....	3	2	25	.....	.....	.....	49.85
Wheelock .....	" G. M. Prescott.....	17	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	121.80
Total.....		48	15	76	2	35	15	\$362.38



This state has a secretary for each of its Quarterly Meetings, and in each exists an interest in the cause of missions, as the figures in the table indicate. The secretary explains the briefness of her report: "Owing to what has seemed a combination of adverse circumstances the amount of work accomplished has been less than is usually done. We anticipate better results for the year to come." Good! There are loyal hearts in the Green Mountain state, and Sinclair Orphanage and dear Mrs. Smith and India each will continue to feel the influence of their sympathetic, combined efforts.

#### MASSACHUSETTS.

MASSACHUSETTS ASSOCIATION.—PRESIDENT, MRS. ANNIE R. EMERY, MELROSE; SECRETARY, MRS. H. LOCKHART, 386 CHELMSFORD ST. LOWELL, MASS.

This society keeps its business well in hand. It has eight Auxiliaries and three Bands in the fifteen churches comprising the Association. In subscriptions to the *HELPER* it is the banner state, having an average of 15 1-2 to each church. Its cordiality toward the thank offering movement is worthy of note. Of the amount thus contributed the past year it gave \$125.47, or more than one-sixth of the whole. The secretary says: "Thirteen of our churches observed the service, three of them more than doubling their gifts of the previous year, and several giving the same amounts." Another feature is the interest taken in the children's missionary, Miss Barnes. Several primary departments and classes of Sunday-schools are contributing sums saved by sacrifice and as birthday gifts. A secretary of children's mission work has been appointed.

Its meetings are held three times a year, in connection with the regular ones of the Association, and its exercises form a part of the program. At its annual meeting corresponding delegates were welcomed from Maine and Rhode Island. The Massachusetts women are taking a broad outlook, and while carrying forward vigorously their own accepted work they are helpful with their sympathy and material aid to other denominational interests.

## RHODE ISLAND.

RHODE ISLAND DISTRICT.—PRESIDENT, MRS. ELLA H. ANDREWS, PROVIDENCE;  
SECRETARY, MRS. ELLA EVANS STANTON, PROVIDENCE.

Number of churches in Association.....	28
Number of Auxiliaries.....	14
Members of Auxiliaries.....	315
Young people's societies.....	2
Members of young people's societies.....	135
Junior societies.....	9
Members of Junior societies.....	325
HELPERS taken.....	262
Amount raised.....	\$1278.37

The secretary writes: "Of the amount raised \$1200 is our pledge to the Woman's Missionary Society, and is appropriated as follows: \$650 to India, \$400 to Harper's Ferry, \$150 to General Fund. Our work for the year has been done very quietly and pleasantly; possibly the machinery has been operated with a somewhat increased power both of faith and works. In matters of finance it has been our best year's work; and we feel that it has also been our best in point of spiritual quickening. We are devoutly grateful for the Divine leading so manifest in all our plans. While we rejoice in the results of the year, we realize that there is 'much land yet to be possessed' within our borders, and in the name and strength of Him who hath promised we shall go forth to conquer. We have gained two children's societies, that give much promise. We hope these victories are the opening of a vigorous campaign along the same line, for are not the children our ultimate hope?"

List of subscribers for THE MISSIONARY HELPER in the New England states: Maine, 538; New Hampshire, 400; Vermont, 67; Massachusetts, 200; Rhode Island, 260.

And so the record is: Maine has had its best year, New Hampshire has increased in vigor, Vermont is taking on new courage, Massachusetts has rich fruitage, and Rhode Island has met its pledge and filled its harvest measure. It is a fair conclusion that the Gospel of Christ is becoming dearer to us, and the desire to share its blessings with others increasing. In the new year of opportunity before us, with a surer faith in human-

ity and its mission, and a more positive consciousness of the reality of a pure religion, we will "look up and not down," and do our duty.

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[*Mrs. A. A. McKenney for the West.*]

The past year has been quite as successful as any previous one, notwithstanding the hard times. *Indiana* sends no report, but a sister there writes, "There will be a report another year." We believe her and feel encouraged. One earnest woman can enthuse a whole state. From the *Illinois* Y. M. comes no report. *Central Illinois* has been zealously at work for local interests, but has not forgotten the foreign work. *Wisconsin's* secretary reports that Brother and Sister Coldren's salary was raised, and they were remembered also in time of their illness.

*Minnesota* has been faithfully at work as usual. Several of the Auxiliaries have taken an active part in sending relief to those who have suffered from drought and fires.

*Iowa* has done a noble work the past year. The Junior C. E. societies and Sunday-schools are beginning to help in the support of the children's missionary, \$14 being sent for this purpose the past year. \$931.60 additional has been raised and expended for local work.

*Northern Kansas* has sent only a partial report. We feel quite sure that more has been raised in this Yearly Meeting than has been reported.

Only a few workers have been employed this year. Had we more workers, more aggressive work would have been accomplished. Truly "the harvest is great and the laborers are few," but we are praying the Lord to raise up workers to enter the harvest. Your secretary has written 170 letters and 49 postals, and sent many packages of HELPERS throughout the West.

## CENTRAL ILLINOIS.

PRESIDENT, MRS. HATTIE GORDON, CAMPBELL HILL; SECRETARY, MISS ANNIE WILEY, MARION; TREASURER, MRS. JENNIE RICE, TAMAROA.

Quarterly Meetings.	Q. M. Secretaries.	No. of Churches.	No. of Auxiliaries.	No. of Members.	No. of Bands.	No. of Members.	No. of Helpers taken.	Amount Raised.
Looney Springs...	.....	.....	.....	25	.....	.....	2	\$144.50
Makanda.....	Miss Annie Wiley .....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	1.00
Lebanon .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Franklin .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
St. Francois, Mo. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wayno Co. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total .....		.....	.....	27	.....	.....	2	\$145.50

Expended \$7 for Foreign Missions, \$135.75 for local work, and \$2.75 in treasury.

## MICHIGAN

PRESIDENT, MRS. FRANCES KIES, READING; SECRETARY, MRS. ELECTA FRENCH REYNOLDS, HILLSDALE; TREASURER, MISS LOMA GARWOOD, BROWNSVILLE, CASS CO.

Quarterly Meetings.	Q. M. Secretaries.	No. of Churches.	No. of Auxiliaries.	No. of Members.	No. of Bands.	No. of Members.	No. of Helpers taken.	Amount Raised.
Lansing.....	Mrs. P. A. Norton .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$34.32
Genesee.....	" Luella Pelton .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	70.00
Branch.....	" J. A. Jones .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.50
Holton and White River.....	" C. C. Cilley .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.65
Sanilac.....	" Elizabeth Patton .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4.00
Cass and Berrien	Miss Minnie Simpson .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	42.58
Van Buren.....	Mrs. E. N. Douglas .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	70.65
Hillsdale.....	" C. Consalus .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	231.25
Montcalm.....	" Emily Fuller .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4.00
Oxford.....	" Melinda Hasner .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.00
Oakland.....	" Betsy Lockwood .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.00
Osceola.....	Miss Jane Hall .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6.62
Calhoun and North Branch.....	Mrs. Theo. Cook .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	48.32
	Collection State Asso. at Reading .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4.20
	Collection Sanilac and Genesee Convention .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.80
Total .....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$554.89

Received by state treasurer between Nov. 9, 1893, and Oct. 29, 1894, \$672.89.

## MINNESOTA.

PRESIDENT, MRS. F. L. DURGIN, WINNEBAGO CITY; SECRETARY, MRS. J. T. WARD, 1058 1ST AVE., S. MINNEAPOLIS; TREASURER, MRS. A. B. QUIMBY, 164 CHESTNUT ST., WINONA.

Quarterly Meetings.	Q. M. Secretaries.	No. of Churches.	No. of Auxiliaries.	No. of Members.	No. of Bands.	No. of Members.	No. of Helpers taken.	Amount Raised.
Winona and Houston.....	Mrs. A. B. Quimby .....	4	46	.....	.....	18		\$282.28
Winnebago.....	Mrs. T. O. Comstock.....	4	153	3	49	61		465.68
Hennepin .....	Mrs. M. H. Towner .....	4	60	1	11	49		331.71
S. Dakota .....	Miss Rosina H. Palmer.....	3	40	2	60	10		137.01
St. Croix .....	Mrs. C. W. Dennis (no. Q. M. organization).....	4	20	3	25	.....		121.81
Total .....		24	319	9	145	144		\$1338.49

## IOWA.

PRESIDENT, MRS. THERA B. TRUE, EDGEWOOD; SECRETARY, MRS. A. L. LAWRENCE, WATERLOO; TREASURER, MRS. H. M. McELROY, FAIRBANK.

Quarterly Meetings.	Q. M. Secretaries.	No. of Churches.	No. of Auxiliaries.	No. of Members.	No. of Bands.	No. of Members.	No. of Helpers taken.	Amount Raised.
Delaware and Clayton .....	Mrs. Thera B. True .....	8	4	48	4	122	26	\$132.60
Little Sioux Valley .....	Miss M. J. Thompson .....	6	4	53	2	.....	10	71.95
Wapsipinicon .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.00
Blackhawk and Buchanan .....	Mrs. H. M. McElroy .....	3	3	42	.....	.....	8	81.39
Cedar Valley ....	Miss M. A. Deets.....	3	2	86	.....	.....	12	82.36
Van Buren .....	Miss M. V. Toothaker .....	4	2	8	.....	.....	9	21.63
Ringgold .....	Mrs. G. W. Ringler.....	2	1	12	.....	.....	1	.....
	Y. M. Collection .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.42
Total .....		35	20	249	6	122	65	\$405.35

## NORTHERN KANSAS.

PRESIDENT, MRS. N. L. ABBEY, HALF WAY; SECRETARY, MISS IDA THOMPSON, HALF WAY; TREASURER, MRS. L. A. OWEN, BIGELOW, KANSAS.

Quarterly Meetings.	Q. M. Secretaries.	No. of Churches.	No. of Auxiliaries.	No. of Members.	No. of Bands.	No. of Members.	No. of Helpers taken.	Amount Raised.
Salem.....	Mrs. H. A. Dodge.....	4	3	.....	2	.....	.....	\$8.80
Blue Valley .....	Mrs. L. A. Owen.....	2	1	11	.....	.....	.....	51.78
Washington .....	Mrs. N. A. Spaulding.....	2	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	2.33
Cloud and Republic	Mrs. C. M. Pool .....	4	2	37	1	.....	3	89.87
Total .....		12	6	48	4	.....	3	\$152.78

## NEBRASKA.

PRESIDENT, MRS. SARAH MURPHY, FIRTH; SECRETARY, MRS. E. G. MURPHY, CRETE;  
TREASURER, MISS KATE WILLIAMS, KENESAW.

Quarterly Meetings.	Q. M. Secretaries.	No. of Churches.	No. of Auxiliaries.	No. of Members.	No. of Bands.	No. of Members. No. of Helpers taken.	Amount Raised.
Nemaha River....	Mrs. W. H. Saylor.....	4	4	70	....	17	\$227.14
Hastings .....	Miss Kate Williams .....	5	4	35	....	2	67.45
Gosper Co. ....	(not organized) .....	6	....	....	....	....	10.00
	By individuals.....	....	....	....	....	....	15.50
	Y. M. collection .....	....	....	....	....	....	3.50
Jefferson Co. ....		2	....	....	....	....	....
	Total .....	17	8	105	....	19	\$323.59

My report is not exactly correct, a little short as to appropriations. \$36.50 was paid into state treasury for state work, about \$15 to Foreign Missions. This report does not take into account the child in India supported by the president, Mrs. Sarah Murphy. Lincoln Sunday-school has voted to send \$1.50 quarterly towards the support of Miss Barnes. Gosper Co. will be organized this year, but will not do much financially, because they scarcely have enough to get through the winter, and many of our own churches in that portion of the state will need aid to live. No societies have gone down, nor no new ones been organized. Several have not done as much as last year; others have done more. We are sorry to see our report on the whole fall short of last year. The first half of next year at least will show small gain financially, and this is as far as our horizon reaches, and it is wise indeed that we cannot see any greater distance; for when we live by faith we can believe the Father has great blessings in store for his children which will be for the glory and upbuilding of his kingdom if we walk worthily. Remainder of funds not otherwise designated were used locally on salaries of pastors. MRS. E. G. MURPHY, *Sec.*



## WESTERN SECRETARY'S AND TREASURER'S ACCOUNT WITH THE W. M. S.

RECEIPTS.			
1893, Oct. 1.	Balance on hand .....		\$45.10
" " 17.	Collection at Western Asso. ....		2.31
" Nov. 23.	Nashville Aux. 5 cent assessment .....		1.10
" Dec. 20.	Horton Aux. 5 cent assessment .....		.55
1894, Jan. 26.	Minneapolis, Aux. 5 cent assessment .....		5.00
" Feb. 13.	Michigan, Asso. 5 cent assessment .....		25.00
" May 12.	Winona Aux. 5 cent assessment .....		1.25
" June 25.	Money Creek Aux. 5 cent assessment .....		.55
" Aug. 25.	Iowa Y. M. ....		.60
" Sept. 6.	Oakland Aux. 5 cent assessment .....		1.40
EXPENDITURES.			
1893, Oct. 12.	Work in Minnesota .....		\$5.00
" " 17.	Mrs. Mosher's fair .....		5.00
	Work in St. Croix, Q. M., Wisconsin .....		10.50
	" " Iowa .....		7.00
	" " Minnesota .....		4.00
	Postal and postage on HELPERS sent .....		.96
In treasury Oct. 1, 1894 .....			50.40
		\$82.86	\$82.86

MRS. A. A. MCKENNEY, *Western Sec. and Treas.*

## REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

*[Mrs. S. C. G. Avery.]*

Another milestone has been reached in life's journey, and again we have to report the work done by the employes of the Woman's Missionary Society. Some have sent a financial statement only.

## HARPER'S FERRY.

## STORER COLLEGE.

Mrs. Lightner says :

One more school year has slipped away, and with its trials and its triumphs is numbered with the twenty-six others. The young men felt keenly the general business depression. Many earnest faces were missing at the opening of the fall term, several who had hoped to complete the normal course either returning too late or could not come at all. The number of girls on the roll was for the first time larger than the boys. Myrtle Hall was full. Two in every room, where there were not three, made us a little crowded for the three winter months.

At the beginning of the new school year more than the usual letters come asking for work : "Can you find something for me to do?" "If I can earn my board it will be a great relief to my mother, who does not feel able to pay the full amount." Much harm can be done by giving young people money ; but when they are willing to work it seems hard not to be able to put them in a way to help themselves.

When our pupils leave school with the intention of returning, the purpose itself is a great safeguard. It means good habits, early hours, economy, temperance. It means a very important part of an education, the habit of saving money. The importance of industrial training grows on us each year. Would that the means to carry it on could grow in proportion to our needs. The buildings and grounds are in better condition than ever before. To keep them up with our

limited means is at the price of much hard work. Blessed with good health and faith in the mission of Storer, I am glad and grateful for the privilege of working in this part of my Master's vineyard.

Miss Mary Brackett writes :

An attempt to report in detail a year's work is liable to be rather misleading. There would be more certainty of a correct impression from such a general statement as that from the last of September to June we are all constantly and earnestly employed in the regular work of teaching. One of my duties ever since I have been here has been to spend a period each day with a little class in printing. This class during the past year, besides getting out various programs for school exercises and other small jobs, has printed four numbers of a little paper called the *Storer Record*. Primarily the paper is a means rather than an end, its chief object being to furnish profitable work for the class ; and it has been published not at regular intervals, but as often as the class, varying from time to time in size and ability, can bring out a number. But, while this has been the primary object of the *Storer Record*, it serves a double purpose by keeping before its patrons and friends the work and needs of the school.

Many of you know that more than a year ago we had under roof a building which was intended for the use of our industrial classes. Last fall a gentleman furnished money for finishing the room for the carpentry class, and this room was occupied by the class during the larger part of the year. But, according to the "no debt" policy that has characterized the management of Storer College from the beginning, the work has gone no further than the means furnished has warranted. No one has furnished the means for finishing our new printing office, hence the printing class is still in a very small, poorly lighted basement room, which will barely accommodate five pupils at a time, while we wait for the money to finish and furnish the commodious, well lighted room intended for us.

We often long to have some one among us free to answer the calls from our churches and friends for a representative of the school to stir up the people on educational and other lines. As the opportunity has offered occasionally to go into the neighboring towns to see and talk to the people, the teachers have been glad to do so, but, great as is the need of such work, it cannot be done to any extent by a teacher without the neglect of other work. To me the most important and most blessed work — our especial work — seems to be to teach conscientiously and thoroughly such as put themselves under our influence.

Miss M. Jennie Baker reports :

Owing to an unexpected delay in starting for Harper's Ferry we did not begin work in the industrial department until Nov. 10, instead of Nov. 1 as intended.

We commenced with about sixty girls, and in midwinter this number was somewhat increased. Having both sewing and cooking to teach, it was more convenient last year to have sewing in the morning and cooking in the afternoon, except on Mondays, when cooking was taught all day. The girls were divided into three large classes and given four sewing lessons a week, while in cooking we made six smaller classes and gave each one lesson a week. In cooking we have followed mainly the method outlined in the "Boston School Kitchen Text Book," explaining the lesson in the first place, then preparing the dishes and reading from the text book the theory relating to the lesson of the day. The more advanced classes were given more practice work and a greater variety of dishes than the beginners.

We closed the cooking classes the first of April and gave the girls lessons in different kinds of housework, while on Fridays there were half-hour talks on household management and various other subjects of interest to girls. In sewing we taught the usual stitches, using the educational method as far as practicable. During the winter a good deal of time was given to buttonholes, many of the girls knowing nothing of the right way

to make them, and in some cases the results were excellent. One day in the week the girls were invited to bring their mending into the sewing room, and some always availed themselves of the opportunity. In the spring the girls who could show good work in the various stitches taught were given lessons in drafting.

Coming straight from the North, and seeing everything from a New England point of view, it took some time to learn that one could not expect just such work and just such results from our students as from Northern girls. On the whole the year's work has been encouraging. The gain has been more marked in the sewing room than in the cooking school; but there were four lessons in sewing to one in cooking. The girls need the sewing lessons even more than the cooking, for they are more deficient in the use of the needle than in that of the mixing spoon. Few of the girls learn drafting or dressmaking readily. They also much need lessons in different kinds of housework and tablework.

They generally are obedient and willing to learn. Some are anxious to learn the best methods of doing work. At the close of the year we had a small exhibition of sewing, and the work was of a character I would not hesitate to show anyone.

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## INDIA FIELD.

### BALASORE.

Missionaries: Mrs. D. F. Smith, Miss Hattie P. Phillips, Miss Barnes, Miss Scott, and Miss Coombs.

*Sinclair Orphanage.*—Mrs. Smith, in speaking of the day schools, tells us they have in the lowest primary school two departments and two teachers. The first teacher is at present Chundra Moni, who belongs to Haverhill, Mass., and is one of whom they may well be proud. Last year she graduated from the highest grade in the vernacular school in this district, and from government received the silver medal as a reward for standing at the head

of the list. There are twenty-five girls under her instruction, and they pass from this class into what we call our upper primary. This is taught by Tusela Raul, and has thirteen pupils. This upper primary is next to the highest class in the pure vernacular, and is supported by the Pittsfield, N. H., Band. Then we have the lowest department in the school; that numbers twenty-seven little girls, and belongs to Rochester, N. H., taught by Marium just at present. It is taught in the workroom because there is no room for it in the schoolhouse.

After these children have finished the primer they go to the Haverhill department. Above all these is the middle department, and all students who pass a successful examination get government certificates for teaching. Thyam Chum Mehapatra is the teacher, and is doing an excellent work. The Hanson school is designed for teachers more like a normal department. The fund for it only half supports it, the other half is paid by the students. English is taught in this school. The pupils vary from five to eight. Bible lessons are given in each grade suited to the capacity of the children. Miss Scott, Rachel Das, and myself take charge of these. The industrial part is carried on largely without me this year.

Miss Barnes has two classes, Rachel five, myself one, while Miss Scott assists in the general work as she can spare time from her regular zenana work. The last examinations reported this school standing first in its grade in the district. This was especially gratifying, because it is the first time a girls' school has thus stood. It has always ranked first as a girls' school, but has never stood higher than boys' schools.

The work of the Bible women has gone on through the year, but on a somewhat different basis. The women are gladly listened to and find access to homes that persistently refuse admittance to the zenana teachers. Three of the women formerly employed by Mrs. Griffin are doing excellent work. It would take too much space to mention all the children supported by friends and Bands at home, but I wish to express



my heartfelt thanks to you all for the means you so kindly put into our hands for the children, for schools, for Bible women, and for work in general. That your donations have not fallen off during these hard times is to us abundant proof that the work is of God and that he has set his seal upon it.

Miss Scott, who went to Balasore about nine months ago, took the zenana work from Miss Hattie Phillips at the end of March, and having had charge of that work only about three months when she wrote, had very little to report. She finds the work conducted with us very much as in other parts of India, the language being almost the only difference. But as nearly all the people except the poorest classes understand Bengali nearly as well as Oriya, she has been able to prosecute the work.

She has become able to read and understand Oriya, but cannot as yet use it much in speaking. There are at present 120 pupils reading in the different zenanas. Nine teachers are employed with an average of from 12 to 15 pupils each. The teachers go to one-half of their pupils every alternate day; in that way each pupil has three lessons a week. It is easy for one conversant with the habits and customs of this people to understand that the number of pupils varies a good deal. Almost one-half of those at present reading are young married girls, who as a rule spend the first few years after marriage living a part of the time in their father's home and the rest of the time in their father-in-law's house; in that way they may be gone for a long time and their studies neglected. In the case of the women who have husbands and children to look after, many things occur to break in on their studies. The education of women is still considered of so little importance that little encouragement is given girls and women to pursue their studies in a methodical way. These are some of the difficulties of the zenana teachers. On the other hand, when we consider the number of women and girls studying in schools and zenanas we have much to encourage us to go on looking

forward hopefully to the time when the educated women of India will rise and free themselves not only from the oppression of their present circumstances in the home and society, but from the false systems of religion that have sunk them as a people morally and intellectually.

MRS. SMITH IN ACCOUNT WITH THE F. B. W. M. S. FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1894.

RECEIPTS.	Rs.	A.	P.	EXPENDITURES.	Rs.	A.	P.
Balance in hand.....	45	14	6	Salary of assistants.....	480		
Woman's Miss. Soc....	2529	1		Salaries of other school teachers.....	354		
Other funds from America..	35	4		Salaries of Bible women....	57	8	
Government grant-in-aid ...	360			Salaries of servants of dept.	24		
Local Board grant-in-aid ...	60			Support of children in orphanage .....	1447	13	9
Miss Taylor for Chandri....	36			Conveyance .....	32		
Miss Barnes for Josi .....	81			Repairs, including iron beams.....	815	5	
Rachel's services. ....	31	8		Books.....	33	14	
F. M. Treasurer .....	81			Materials for work.....	30	10	6
Other local sources .....	85	9	6	Prizes and rewards.....	14	8	
Jacabu's children up to Jan. 1, 1894.....	75			Postage .....	6	14	
Balance due .....	66	4	3	Medical attendance and medicine .....	112		
				Incidentals. Three cows bought for the orphanage.	78		
Total.....	3486	9	3	Total.....	3486	9	3

Outside of receipts here rendered I have received Rs. 480 for Bible work, which has been expended about equally between Balasore and Jellasore, also through Mr. Hill of Northwood for one Bible woman. The latter, it is hoped, can be expended in Contai.

D. F. S.

(Mrs. Griffin's Bible Women.)

RECEIPTS.	Rs.	A.	P.	EXPENDITURES.	Rs.	A.	P.
Jan. 16, from Miss Coombs.	95			For salaries, garrie hire, and repairs on garrie.....	129	5	11
Through treasurer.....	66	10	6	Balance.....	32	4	7
Total.....	161	10	6	Total.....	161	10	6

#### MIDNAPORE.

Missionaries : Dr. Mary W. Bacheler, Miss Butts, and Miss Wile.

The work here has been carried on this year much as usual. Our missionaries suffered great inconvenience while the mission

house owned by the Parent Board, in which they had rooms, was being repaired. During that time, there being no school in session, they occupied the schoolhouse.

Miss Butts writes : Miss Wile is getting along well with the language and bids fair to become a valuable worker. Among the many needs abroad is that of a home for our missionaries at Midnapore.

Miss Hattie Phillips writes : This being the largest station in our field, where we have the mission press, Bible school, etc., it always needs at least two missionary families located there ; i. e., two male missionaries in charge. There are two dwelling houses at this station owned by the Parent Board.

For more than sixteen years there has rarely been a time when one or more of our representatives has not been provided with a home by the missionary families located here ; and usually, if not invariably, to the physical discomfort of all concerned.

She continues : While I was there I occupied a room, less than the average size in Indian houses, in which were bed, wardrobe, organ, bookcase, writing desk, chairs ; filling the room uncomfortably full. Nevertheless I was obliged to bring my pundit and classes into it.

Midnapore, being much further from the coast than Balasore, is a very hot station ; and during the dry season, when the mercury runs highest, it is absolutely necessary to close up the house in the forenoon, and keep it closed until five, six, or seven in the evening ; and sometimes it is nearly midnight before the outside air is as cool as that within.

You can understand that to be shut into a room hour after hour with classes of natives whose bodies are rarely if ever washed with soap, but who do rub themselves with oil, must be far from healthful. But when in addition one must sleep in a room whose air has been thus polluted through the day the case is far worse. Our missionaries have sent to our Board a plan of a house estimated to cost \$2,500. The Board recog-

nizes the great need, and it is earnestly hoped the Lord will lead some one or more persons to embrace this opportunity to invest money for him. In the language of another, "What ought to be done can be done." May the Lord make us realize our opportunities, breathe upon us the spirit of sacrifice, baptize us with the Holy Ghost, and help us to go forward "in His name."

MARY BACHELER, M.D., IN ACCOUNT WITH THE F. B. W. M. S. FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1894.

RECEIPTS.	Rs.	A.	P.	EXPENDITURES.	Rs.	A.	P.
Woman's Miss. Soc. ....	784	4	1-3	Salaries of Zenana teachers.	781	14	
Government grant-in-aid...	500			Conveyance .....	562	2	3
Local subscriptions .....	60			Repairs .....	8	10	2
Fees.....	44	15	2	Rent and taxes .....	284		
Mrs. Miner's share repairs, 1893, on account of Bible women .....	29			Postage .....	1		
Miss Butts's share for Ida..	9	10		Medical attendance and medicine.....	3		
Mrs. Miner's share repairs for 1894, Rs. 38-9; Miss Butts's share, Rs. 19-4-2;				Incidentals .....	45	3	
Gov't grant, 2 mos., Rs.100	157	13	2	Repairs .....	160	3	
Mrs. Smith for rent.....	275			Balance in hand.....	14	9	3 1-3
Total... ..	1860	11	1-3	Total.....	1860	11	1-3

(Ragged Schools.)

MISS BUTTS IN ACCOUNT WITH THE F. B. W. M. S. FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1894.

RECEIPTS.	Rs.	A.	P.	EXPENDITURES.	Rs.	A.	P.
Balance in hand.....	85	1	5	Salaries of school teachers..	817	4	
Woman's Miss. Soc.....	695	5	3	Conveyance and driver's wages .....	100		
Other funds from America..	139	10	4	Repairs on houses and bul- lock cart .....	54	4	
Local Board grant-in-aid...	140			Rent and taxes.....	19	12	
Municipal grant-in-aid.....	100			Books.....	10	4	6
				Materials for work.....	6	7	3
				Prizes and rewards.....	16	11	9
				Postage .....		6	3
				Incidentals .....	7	9	6
				Cash transferred to Bible Women's Account.....	60		
				Balance in hand .....	67	5	9
Total.....	1160	1		Total.....	1160	1	

## (Industrial School.)

MISS ELLA M. BUTTS IN ACCOUNT WITH THE F. B. W. M. S. FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1894.

RECEIPTS.	Rs.	A.	P.	EXPENDITURES.	Rs.	A.	P.
Balance in hand.....	78	2	7	Salaries of school teachers.	384	8	
Woman's Miss. Soc.....	510	7	10	Salaries of servants of dept.	72		
Government grant-in-aid...	88			Repairs on schoolhouse and furniture .....	14	11	9
Proceeds of rope, etc.....	13	8	7	Rent and taxes .....	16	2	
				Books .....	13	14	3
				Materials for work.....	20	3	9
				Prizes and rewards and aid to poor boys.....	24	10	9
				Postage .....		9	6
				Incidentals .....	3	13	6
				Balance in hand.....	139	9	6
Total.....	690	3		Total.....	690	3	

MRS. BURKHOLDER IN ACCOUNT WITH THE F. B. W. M. S. FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1894.

RECEIPTS.	Rs.	A.	P.	EXPENDITURES.	Rs.	A.	P.
Woman's Miss. Soc., four remittances .....	531	15	2	Balance due.....	7	11	2
Balance due.....	102	12		Salaries of school teachers, 2 girls.....	48		
				Salaries of school teachers, 1 man.....	108		
				Salaries of 9 Bible women...	216		
				Salary of 1 Bible woman...	12		
				Salaries of servants of dept., 1 matron.....	60		
				Support of children in orphanage.....	60		
				Incidentals, 1 industrial teacher.....	6		
				Incidentals, 1 durgie.....	9		
				Offset to government grant..	108		
Total.....	634	11	2	Total.....	634	11	2

MISS H. P. PHILLIPS IN ACCOUNT WITH THE F. B. W. M. S. FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1894.

RECEIPTS.	Rs.	A.	P.	EXPENDITURES.	Rs.	A.	P.
Balance in hand.....	22	13	6	Salaries of school teachers..	919	3	6
Woman's Miss. Soc.....	1063	14	8	Salaries of servants of dept.	258	14	8
Government grant-in-aid...	360			Conveyance .....	23	15	
Local Board grant-in-aid...	90			Repairs on schoolhouses and stable .....	43	15	9
Municipal grant-in-aid....	137			Rent and taxes .....	13	4	
Local subscriptions for prizes .....	18			Books.....	30	5	9
Sale of society property....	2	4		Materials for work. ....	3	3	9
Rent surplus.....	32	13		Prizes and rewards.....	39	1	6
				Postage .....		13	2
				Incidentals .....	3	12	9
				Examination expenses....	3	4	
				Balance in hand.....	389	15	4
Total.....	1726	13	2	Total.....	1726	13	2

## (Bible Women's Account.)

MRS. MINER IN ACCOUNT WITH THE F. B. W. M. S. FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1894.

RECEIPTS.	Rs.	A.	P.	EXPENDITURES.	Rs.	A.	P.
Balance in hand.....	13		6	Salaries of Bible women....	335	15	6
Woman's Miss. Soc.....	372	12	5	Conveyance and driver....	140	15	
Other funds from America.	67	12	5	Repairs on bullock cart....	8	3	6
Cash received from Ragged				Taxes.....	3		6
School funds.....	60			Books.....		2	6
				Balance in hand.....	25	4	4
Total .....	513	9	4	Total.....	513	9	4

MRS. E. L. COLDREN IN ACCOUNT WITH THE F. B. W. M. S. FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1894. FOR BHUDRUCK.

RECEIPTS.	Rs.	A.	P.	EXPENDITURES.	Rs.	A.	P.
Balance in hand.....	120	3	3	Salaries of Zenana teachers.	42		
Woman's Miss. Soc.....	255	10	8	Salaries of Bible women....	204		
Other funds from America.	136	8	10	Salaries of servants of dept.	24		
Sale of society property....	31			Conveyance.....	67	12	
				Repairs on cart.....	10	10	
				Prizes and rewards.....	7	4	
				Incidentals.....	2	11	
				Balance in hand.....	179	1	
Total .....	537	6	9	Total.....	537	6	9

MRS. E. L. COLDREN IN ACCOUNT WITH THE F. B. W. M. S. FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1894. FOR CHANDBALI.

RECEIPTS.	Rs.	A.	P.	EXPENDITURES.	Rs.	A.	P.
Balance in hand.....	33	8		Salaries for Bible women...	136	9	
Woman's Miss. Soc.....	95	2	8	Conveyance.....	48		
Other funds from America.	18	3	11	Rent and taxes.....		15	
Local subscriptions.....	15			Materials for work.....	5	2	
Balance due.....	28	11	11	Prizes and rewards.....		2	6
Total.....	190	10	6	Total.....	190	10	6

MRS. AGER IN ACCOUNT WITH THE F. B. W. M. S. FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1894.

RECEIPTS.	Rs.	A.	P.	EXPENDITURES.	Rs.	A.	P.
Woman's Miss. Soc.....	207		11	Salaries of school teachers..	166	8	
				Conveyances to attend examination .....	5	2	
				Materials for work.....	2	13	7
				Postage.....	2	14	
				Incidentals. Printed forms.		15	
				Balance in hand.....	28	12	4
Total .....	207		11	Total.....	207		11



MISS J. J. SCOTT IN ACCOUNT WITH THE F. B. W. M. S. FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1894.

RECEIPTS.	Rs.	A.	P.	EXPENDITURES.	Rs.	A.	P.
Balance in hand .....	176	10	9	Salaries of school teachers..	539	15	3
Woman's Miss. Soc.....	498	12	9	Salaries of Bible women....	156		
Government grant-in-aid....	300			Support of children in or-			
Municipal grant-in-aid.....	123			phanage .....	231	1	
Local subscriptions .....	17	3	6	Incidentals .....		7	6
Sale of society property and				Balance in hand .....	200	2	3
books .....	11	15					
Total.....	1127	10		Total.....	1127	10	

### REPORT OF THE PUBLISHING AGENT OF "THE MISSIONARY HELPER."

The MISSIONARY HELPER as it has come to your hands month by month has told its story so well that little remains to be told in review. Frequent words of approval from subscribers lead those having the magazine in charge to believe that it is filling its niche in the work of the Woman's Missionary Society.

The need of an enlarged subscription list, that the magazine may be on a self-supporting basis, yet exists, and it has been deemed wise to make an estimate of the number of subscribers needed for self-support and divide the number among the Yearly Meeting and State Association societies, they in turn to divide among Quarterly Meetings, and they to local churches the proportion of the entire number required. When the assignment reaches the churches, it is expected that they will make vigorous effort to accept the entire assignment.

This plan, if adopted by all, will, we believe, solve the question of short finance, to the satisfaction of all interested. Other plans that are under consideration will be announced shortly in the magazine.

We again appeal to loyal Free Baptists to rally to the support of our only missionary periodical. This magazine is ours to care for, and has a claim on each of us.

Many local agents do good service and faithfully secure subscriptions year by year, with but little return for their effort, save in the satisfaction of realizing that they are links in the chain that makes possible the continuance of our magazine. If the many would but feel personal responsibility for the success of the magazine, and those of our constituency from whom we might reasonably expect support be prompt and continuous in the renewal of subscriptions, the influence of THE MISSIONARY HELPER would be largely increased. Shall we not work together for this result the coming year? ELLA H. ANDREWS.

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#### REPORT OF THE BUREAU OF MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCE AND EXCHANGE.

At the close of the year, as from a hill-top, we look backward and survey the toilsome ascent, and from its obstacles and overcomings, its successes and failures, gather something of wisdom, a renewed courage, and a fresh inspiration for the future.

A review of the past year's work of the missionary bureau affords mingled pleasure and regret. Regret comes uppermost when we look at fair hopes and plans still necessarily unfulfilled, but we are glad to report on the whole a fair degree of success and advance.

At the commencement of this year the literature fund and department, heretofore under the charge of Mrs. Meader and the publication committee, was united with a similar department in the missionary bureau. Miss Law, who has had this in charge the past year, reports a surplus in the treasury, and the distribution of 6000 thank-offering circulars and envelopes, besides manuals, essays, poems, dialogues, and leaflets of various kinds.

In the costume department we are glad to announce the completion of the India dialogue, "The Bright and Dark Sides of Girl Life in India," written by Miss Ida O. Phillips, our late beloved missionary in India. It illustrates features of every-day life in India, in the zenanas, of child-marriage, widowhood, and

widowhood. Costumes, household utensils, idols, shrine, etc., have been imported from India for this dialogue, which is now ready for public use.

We need to call attention to the fact that this is a bureau of exchange, and to urge our societies to contribute to it the various material found helpful in their own missionary meetings and entertainments; essays, poems, readings, dialogues, songs, stories, brief items, and even programs. Whatever has proved useful and of interest to one society pass on to others through the bureau.

KATE J. ANTHONY, *Chairman.*

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#### REPORT OF SECRETARY OF CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT.

It is a pleasanter task this year to make the report of the children's department than it ever has been before, and for this pleasurable difference I thank the many ladies, East and West, who have so promptly and cordially responded to my letters of inquiry. I have never in any work found more willing interest and earnest desire than in this, and it gives me renewed hope of what may be accomplished in the near future.

The great need still is organization; a system by which the widely sundered localities and Bands may come in contact with each other, thus receiving encouragement and aid. The ideal is a Mission Band in each F. B. church, in unison with the Mission Auxiliary of that church, which by some officer shall report to Quarterly and Yearly Meetings and then to children's secretary. To make this matter simple I would suggest that each secretary of Auxiliary, Quarterly Meeting, or Yearly Meeting summarize the progress of the children's work in her regular report, and that Yearly Meeting secretaries, where there is no children's secretary appointed, should send such reports to the children's secretary. We want just enough machinery to accomplish the work, but none for useless friction.

Too much commendation cannot be given to the HELPER, which in this matter has been and is a helper indeed. I think

we might all avail ourselves more frequently of its columns in bringing the children's work prominently before the people.

As already intimated, systematic reports have not been obtainable. I cannot give statistics for all Yearly Meetings. Instead allow me to quote from a few reports.

Mrs. Ethel H. Roberts of Carolina, R. I., writes: "At the present time we have ten organized bands, two new ones having been organized during the year. The children's mission work is also taken up in at least one of our R. I. Sunday-schools. I think most of the Bands are in a prosperous condition. While the children themselves are being interested and trained in missionary work, they are also aiding our W. M. Society financially. The treasurer's report of our R. I. W. M. Society this last year showed over \$150 contributed by eight Bands in this Association. We are hoping to organize new Bands in the future."

Mrs. C. A. Ricker, Haverhill, Mass., writes: "Amesbury F. B. church has a nice Mission Band of 19 members. The Lawrence church has a large Band which is doing faithful work. In the Lynn church the pastor, Rev. Mr. Twort, has a league of the White Cross, composed of both boys and girls, with a large membership, who are taught temperance, moral purity, and missions. In the Boston church the primary department in the Sunday-school pay, first a penny for the home Sunday-school, second a sacrifice penny, and third a birthday gift, which are united and called the mission fund for Miss Barnes's support. The primary department of the Haverhill church is working upon a plan with good success, and the teachers are becoming very much interested in missions. A class of young girls from 12 to 15 are also working finely under their teacher as directress, having a constitution and by-laws, pledging not less than one cent a week, and the sacrifice and the birthday gift are added."

Mrs. F. K. Chase, Buffalo, N. Y., writes: "The Mission Band, formed three years ago, pledged last year \$25 for Miss

Barnes's salary. They have paid that, and are now about to send a box to Mr. Hallam for Christmas. They do considerable work among poor families and are helpful in all church work."

The state superintendent of Mission Bands for Minnesota has been ill, and Mrs. A. A. McKenney of Nashville Center writes: "State reports come in so slowly that I can give but little information outside my own people. Nashville has a good work among the children. Two whole Sunday-schools, five miles apart, are engaged in mission work. Over fifty children are doing what they can. The collection has amounted to \$8.50. Another school near here has raised \$8."

Mrs. Emma Mack of Oakland, Wis., writes in absence of state secretary: "I am unable to tell about the general state work. Here in Oakland the Sunday-school has raised \$8.63 for Miss Barnes."

Mrs. W. L. Abbey of Half Way, Kansas, writes: "I have had considerable correspondence upon the subject of organizing Mission Bands, but do not find the interest I wish. Our home church sent \$3.00 for Miss Barnes. The Salem, Neb., Sunday-school sent \$2.90, and the Hickory Grove Sunday-school, \$2.33. In all my correspondence I have tried to impress this thought on the children's minds, that Miss Barnes is the children's missionary."

Miss Maria Z. Pingrey, Armstrong, Iowa, writes that she has written 37 letters and has found several ready to work. She strongly urges sending some one through Iowa as an organizer.

I inclose a letter from Miss Lizzie Moody, who has been sent as an organizer through Michigan. This will be interesting, as we have no report from the state secretary.

Michigan is not entirely unmindful of her children; in several of our churches there are organizations for the little ones. The Junior A. C. F. may be found in the Hillsdale, Reading, and Davison churches, where much interest is shown

by the little Advocates for their work. The chairman of the devotional committee in one of these societies is seen going with womanly grace about her duties ; on one occasion, finding the little girl who was to lead the meeting on Sunday afternoon was sick, she secured another leader from among her members, went to the printer in time to have the name of the newly secured leader take the place in the church notices, of the one whose name had been given as leader, and all was done in a womanly, business-like way by this little child of some ten summers.

Fairfield and No. Reading have their Sunday-school children organized for missions, and hence in each class from the infant class to the gray-haired Bible student something is done for missions ; and, best of all, information is given and lessons learned of the great field and its needs once each month.

In other places we find the Band. There is one in a certain village where the pastor and his wife are alive to their opportunity, and have been teaching the little ones of one Emilie Barnes, who is the children's own ; and each week this little Band come together for their meeting, listening eagerly to the pastor's wife, as she tells them of India and its needs and Emilie and their work for her. Do you wonder that these little ones in their play call themselves by the name they already love and honor — Emilie Barnes, even striving for the privilege of the day as to who shall be Emilie this hour ?

There is another little Band up among the pines and hemlocks of our state, in a beautiful village among the woody hills, where interest, zeal, and child enthusiasm cheer the heart of the missionary agent as she steps before them to talk with them of the things about which they are beginning to think and talk and plan — even work for.

The Willing Workers rise in another parish and tell you that with their money they are going to help remodel the church ; they believe in some home work, not all foreign.



And so we find in nearly every Q. M. some kind of an organization among the children, and the report that I would give of them is that they are doing nicely where anything of the kind has been undertaken. We need more older workers who will be willing to take up this rich work and help these children to lessons of vital worth in the blessed school of love for others, that shall tell in years to come in the helping of India and the forwarding of the home interests North, South, and West.

These reports are doubtless only a few of many which might have been sent if we could only have reached the secretaries and solicited them. They show a growing interest in the subject.

FRANCES STEWART MOSHER.

Hillsdale, Mich.

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

LAURA A. DEMERITTE, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE FREE BAPTIST WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUG. 31, 1894.

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To cash on hand Aug. 31, 1893 . . . . .	\$300 65
" from the estate of Robert Cristy . . . . .	\$14,000 00
" " " " " Rev. Silas Curtis . . . . .	500 00
" " " " " Mrs. Dearborn . . . . .	425 00
" for F. M. including zenanas and schools . . . . .	697 77
" " schools, teachers, and Bible women at Midnapore . . . . .	321 31
" " schools, teachers, and Orphanage at Balasore . . . . .	685 14
" " Bhimpore and Jellasure . . . . .	44 50
" " Mrs. D. F. Smith's salary (\$52.07 received from Vermont after report was prepared) . . . . .	251 31
" " Miss H. Phillips's salary and rent . . . . .	500 45
" " Miss Coombs's salary . . . . .	191 73
" " Miss E. M. Butts's salary . . . . .	192 83
" " Dr. Mary Bachelor's salary . . . . .	393 55
" " Mrs. Miner's salary . . . . .	302 84
" " Miss Barnes's salary . . . . .	369 76
" " Home Missions, including industrial dept. and cooking school at Storer College . . . . .	677 26
" " Mrs. Lightner's salary . . . . .	122 45

To cash for Western work . . . . .	\$25 00
" " " " special act . . . . .	331 31
" " outfit and passage of missionary . . . . .	306 34
" " Incidental Fund . . . . .	18 00
" from " Cristy Fund," for Miss Brackett's and Miss Smith's salary . . . . .	644 81
" " interest for general work . . . . .	122 15
" " loans to be re-invested . . . . .	1,300 00
" " for General Fund . . . . .	520 00
" " borrowed on " Cristy Fund" acct. . . . .	150 00
" for General Fund . . . . .	1,955 35
Total receipts . . . . .	\$25,028 86
Total to account for . . . . .	\$25,329 51

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By cash for Mrs. Smith's salary . . . . .	\$400 00
" " Miss Coombs's salary . . . . .	266 67
" " Mrs. Miner's salary . . . . .	300 00
" " Dr. Mary Bachelor's salary . . . . .	400 00
" " Miss E. Butts's salary . . . . .	400 00
" " Miss Barnes's salary . . . . .	383 50
" " Miss Scott's salary . . . . .	330 77
" " Miss H. Phillips's salary . . . . .	400 00
" " Miss Parnes's salary . . . . .	500 00
" " Miss E. Smith's salary . . . . .	350 00
" " Miss Brackett's salary . . . . .	400 00
" " Mrs. Lightner's salary . . . . .	400 00
" " Treasurer's salary . . . . .	250 00
" " Hindu day school, Balasore . . . . .	320 00
" " zenanas " . . . . .	150 00
" " rent Balasore . . . . .	100 00
" " Bible women, Balasore . . . . .	56 25
" " Bhimpore work . . . . .	160 00
" " Jellasore " . . . . .	62 00
" " Bhudruck " . . . . .	77 50
" " Chandbali " . . . . .	37 50
" " Industrial school, Midnapore . . . . .	150 00
" " ragged school, Midnapore . . . . .	185 00
" " rent, Midnapore . . . . .	67 00
" " zenanas, Midnapore . . . . .	240 00
" " Bible women, Midnapore . . . . .	135 00
" " Orphanage at Balasore . . . . .	420 00
" " Assistant at Orphanage . . . . .	150 00
" " repairs Hansen school, etc., at Balasore . . . . .	100 00
" " outfit and passage of Miss Barnes . . . . .	460 50
" " return passage of Miss Coombs . . . . .	50 00

By cash for industrial department at Storer College . .	\$400 00
" " cooking school furnishings . . . . .	37 34
" " Mrs. Prescott's annuity . . . . .	65 00
" " Thank Offering expenses . . . . .	20 70
" " MISSIONARY HELPER deficit . . . . .	264 86
" " Miss Anthony's bill . . . . .	4 78
" " printing reports . . . . .	121 12
" " postage, printing, and stationery . . . . .	54 75
" " Western work . . . . .	25 00
" " Western work special act . . . . .	311 31
" " Treasurer's traveling expenses . . . . .	1 65
" " Mrs. Mosher's traveling expenses to Western Association . . . . .	15 00
" " loan of Dearborn Fund . . . . .	425 00
" " loan of Cristy Fund . . . . .	14,150 00
" " general loans . . . . .	1,300 00
Total disbursements . . . . .	\$24,898 20
Cash on hand Aug. 31, 1894 . . . . .	431 31
Total accounted for . . . . .	\$25,329 51

## INVESTMENTS.

Working Capital . . . . .	\$672 00
Hebberd Fund . . . . .	500 00
Sanitary Fund . . . . .	184 41
Hanson Fund . . . . .	500 00
Prescott Fund . . . . .	1,000 00
Mary A. Dearborn Fund . . . . .	400 00
Cristy Fund (besides stocks at market value) . . . . .	14,000 00
Money borrowed on Cristy Fund acct. . . . .	150 00
Dearborn Fund . . . . .	425 00
Total . . . . .	\$17,831 41
Invested as follows:	
Trust Loans and Mortgages . . . . .	\$6,650 00
Railroad and Municipal Bonds . . . . .	9,800 00
Premiums on same . . . . .	200 00
R. I. Hospital Trust Co. . . . .	572 00
Debenture Bond . . . . .	100 00
Stafford Co. Savings Bank . . . . .	509 41
Total as above . . . . .	\$17,831 41
25 shares Boston & Albany R. R., market value . .	\$5,200 00
22 shares Old Colony R. R., market value . . . . .	3,960 00

Total invested fund . . . . . \$26,991 41

Orphanage at Balasore known as the Sinclair Orphanage.

LAURA A. DEMERITTE, *Treasurer*.

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing accounts, and find them correctly cast and well vouched.

MRS. E. B. CHAMBERLIN, *Auditor*.

## Receipts from the following sources :

Maine . . . . .	\$1,913 69
New Hampshire . . . . .	1,294 03
Rhode Island . . . . .	1,220 07
Michigan . . . . .	618 60
Massachusetts . . . . .	527 01
Minnesota . . . . .	457 75
Iowa . . . . .	332 90
Vermont . . . . .	264 56
Illinois . . . . .	105 72
New York . . . . .	100 10
South Dakota . . . . .	51 72
Province of Quebec . . . . .	38 85
Nebraska . . . . .	34 78
Pennsylvania . . . . .	28 51
California . . . . .	26 00
Kansas (\$301.50 for Home work) . . . . .	318 78
Wisconsin . . . . .	12 63
Ohio . . . . .	9 15
Indiana . . . . .	3 05
West Virginia . . . . .	6 00
Oregon . . . . .	2 00
New Jersey . . . . .	1 00
Cristy Bequest . . . . .	14 000 00
Curtis " . . . . .	500 00
Dearborn Bequest . . . . .	425 00
Cristy Fund interest . . . . .	644 81
Interest General Fund . . . . .	122 15
Loan account . . . . .	520 00
For investments . . . . .	1,300 00
Money borrowed on Cristy Fund acct. . . . .	150 00
Total receipts . . . . .	\$25,028 86
Total Thank Offering . . . . .	\$743 50

## LIST OF APPROPRIATIONS.

List of appropriations made by Board of Managers of F. B. W. M. S. in annual meeting, October, 1894.

## INDIA DEPARTMENT.

<i>Midnapore.</i> — Miss E. M. Butts's salary . . . . .	\$400 00	
Boys' Mission School . . . . .	120 00	
Ragged Schools . . . . .	215 00	
Dr. Mary M. Bachelor's salary . . . . .	400 00	
Zenanas . . . . .	240 00	
Mrs. M. C. Miner's salary . . . . .	300 00	
Bible women . . . . .	135 00	
		\$1810 00
<i>Balasore.</i> — Miss Hattie P. Phillips's salary . . . . .	400 00	
Hindoo Girls' School . . . . .	320 00	
Rent . . . . .	50 00	
Miss Scott's salary . . . . .	400 00	
Zenanas . . . . .	150 00	
Mrs. D. F. Smith's salary . . . . .	400 00	
Orphanage . . . . .	420 00	
Assistant . . . . .	150 00	
Bible women, day school, repairs, and Hanson school . . . . .	100 00	
Russell Memorial school appropriation . . . . .	25 00	
Miss Emilie E. Barnes's salary . . . . .	400 00	
		2815 00
<i>Jellaspore.</i> — Mrs. G. Ager, for schools . . . . .	62 00	
<i>Bhimpoore.</i> — Mrs. J. W. Burkholder . . . . .	160 00	
<i>Chandbali.</i> — Mrs. M. J. Coldren . . . . .	37 50	
<i>Bhudruck.</i> — Mrs. M. J. Coldren . . . . .	77 50	
Total for India . . . . .		\$4962 00

## HOME DEPARTMENT.

<i>Storer College.</i> — Mrs. L. Lightner . . . . .	\$400 00	
Miss Mary Brackett . . . . .	400 00	
Miss M. J. Baker . . . . .	500 00	
Miss E. D. Smith . . . . .	350 00	
Industrial Department . . . . .	400 00	
		2050 00
Treasurer's salary . . . . .	250 00	
(For care of investments, to be deducted from income, \$100.)		
Miss L. Coombs's salary . . . . .	400 00	
Total . . . . .		\$7662 00

ALICE M. METCALF, *Rec. Sec.*

## HELPS FOR MONTHLY MEETINGS.

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### THE CONCERT CALENDAR, 1894.

*January*, The World; *February*, China; *March*, Mexico; *April*, India; *May*, Malaysia; *June*, Africa; *July*, United States; *August*, Italy and Bulgaria; *September*, Japan and Korea; *October*, Protestant Europe; *November*, South America; *December*, United States.

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No better use can be made of the January Auxiliary meetings than in a careful study of our own work as reported in this number. "Knowledge is power." Understanding our organized system, and working in harmony with it, Auxiliaries will increase their power for good.

Replies to the following questions will be found in reports in this number :

Give items of business from recording secretary's records.

Let different ladies follow each other in reporting the work of our India missionaries as given in the corresponding secretary's report.

From the reports of home secretaries give items about each state reported.

Give statements from treasurer's report.

Let different ladies report sections of the report of children's secretary.

Give items of interest in the report of the publisher of the MISSIONARY HELPER.

What can you tell about the new editor of the HELPER?

Tell about the work of the bureau of missionary intelligence and exchange.

Close with a season of prayer for the year's work, for our missionaries in India and this country, and especially for Mrs. N. W. Whitcomb, as she assumes her new duties as editor.



**EDITORIAL NOTE.**

INTERESTING communications sent for this number of the *HELPER* are necessarily crowded out by the reports. They will lose nothing by delay. . . . We call especial attention to the new arrangement with agents and all who secure subscribers for the *HELPER*. See fourth page of covers of Nov. and Dec. *HELPERS*. The opportunity to secure cash commissions will be appreciated by many women. We hope this arrangement will help to speedily fill the quota apportioned to the different states, thereby making our magazine self-supporting. See action taken, as reported in the Minutes in this number. . . . Please note that there is no change in the Publisher of the *HELPER*. We congratulate our women on the accuracy which they have shown in sending matters of business to her and editorial matter to the editor. Send money and all business communications to Mrs. E. H. Andrews, 59 Vinton St., Providence, as heretofore. Send articles for publication and all editorial business to Mrs. Nellie Wade Whitcomb, Dover, Maine.

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**AN OPEN LETTER.**

DEAR *HELPER* READERS:

What a mosaic life is ! How glad welcomes and sober good-byes, work anticipated and work completed, bright mornings and dusky evenings, life and death, help to furnish its colorings, brilliant and somber.

These thoughts come as we use our pen for the last time as editor of the *HELPER*. Each month, without exception, for eight years, we have scribbled and revised and planned for the little magazine. It has been pleasant work because of the belief that others were being helped. Kind words from readers have often been to us like little bouquets, fragrant with appreciation and kindly feeling.

When traveling as agent of the W. M. S. it was charming to be so often warmly welcomed because of the mute acquaintance formed through the *HELPER* pages; and it was amusing to be frequently informed that this or that article or recitation was taken from the *HELPER*, and to be asked if I had ever seen it. There is something quaintly enjoyable in the incognito position which an editor occupies with many readers.

In regard to the work, we only wish to say that, though done in the busiest years of a very busy life, conscientious effort has been made to do it faithfully, but it has never reached our ideal.

Our resignation was sent to the officers of the W. M. S. last March, in order that ample time might be given for the election of a successor. Weariness in the work, not of it, made us feel that the time had fully come to pass it along to younger brain and hands.

We have hesitated about saying these personal words, but the relation with a large number of our readers has been so intimate that it seemed a little unfeeling to step out, "like the tenant that quits without warning." Besides, we want to thank the many friends who have responded so often and well to the requests for articles; and without whom the *HELPER* could not have succeeded. Especially do we appreciate the faithfulness of our busy missionaries in India and at Harper's Ferry in sending so regularly the communications, which, in word-pictures, have kept the fields before us. Many thanks to all of these.

It gives us great pleasure to introduce to you, dear friends, the one who will speak to you through the pages of the next number,

NELLIE WADE WHITCOMB.

She is well known to many of you, both by her work in the Young People's and Woman's Societies and through her writings.

She is the daughter of Dea. E. D. Wade of Maine, a most efficient lay worker, and Mary R. Wade, whose energy and ability as president have helped make the W. M. S. of the

state a power for good. She is sister of M. A. Wade Bachelder, of Hillsdale, Mich., so well known in the West as well as in the East. Mrs. Whitcomb has spent enough time in Michigan and other parts of the West to be well qualified to understand its spirit and especial needs.

With considerable editorial experience, with the flexible style of an easy, ready writer, thoroughly acquainted with and deeply interested in the work of the denomination and the W. M. S., with knowledge of and experience in the young people's work, Mrs. Whitcomb brings to her new position very desirable qualifications. We feel sure the new editor will receive from all HELPER friends warm welcome and generous, prayerful support. Yours for service wherever duty calls.

EMELINE BURLINGAME CHENEY.

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HERE is something which I have seen tried again and again in clubs of boys and girls. Slips of papers and pencils are passed, and each writes down some little deed of kindness he or she has performed since the last meeting. No name is signed, nor is one expected to tell which he or she wrote. That would be too much like boasting. When the slips of paper are all collected the presiding officer reads them aloud. Thus all may learn many new ways of being kind. Many of the things reported seem very insignificant; but they are not, for they have each helped to brighten the life of somebody. Some report that they have brought wood for mother, gone on errands for the neighbors, or taken care of the baby. Why can't you take five minutes in each meeting for such a report?—*Selected.*

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DR. DUFF once told an Edinburgh audience, that, if the ladies of that city would give him the cost of that portion of their silk dresses which swept the streets as they walked, he would support all the mission schools in India.

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VIRTUE itself 'scapes not calumnious strokes.—*Hamlet*, i: 3.

## CONTRIBUTIONS.

## F. B. WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

*Receipts for October, 1894.*

## MAINE.

Brunswick aux. First F. B. ch. for Miss Coombs's sal . . . . .	\$12.00
East Hebron aux . . . . .	3.50
Edgecomb Q. M. col. Miss Barnes's sal . . . . .	5.61
Lewiston aux. Main St. ch. Miss Coombs's sal . . . . .	16.43
Oakland aux . . . . .	5.00
South Berwick aux. for child in Sinclair Orphanage . . . . .	25.00
Topsham aux. Miss Coombs's sal . . . . .	16.50
West Falmouth Helping Hands, Miss Barnes's sal . . . . .	4.00
West Falmouth aux. Miss Ba- ker's sal . . . . .	1.00
Waterville and Sidney aux . . . . .	8.10

## NEW HAMPSHIRE

Alton ch. Miss Butts and Miss Baker . . . . .	5.00
Alton S. S. for Miss Barnes . . . . .	2.30
Belknap Asso. aux . . . . .	13.57
Candia Village aux . . . . .	12.00
Dover aux. Washington St . . . . .	5.00
Center Sandwich aux. Miss Butts and Ind. Dept. at Storer . . . . .	7.00
Manchester Miss. Soc. First F. B. ch . . . . .	1.74
New Durham aux. Miss Butts and Miss Baker . . . . .	12.00
New Durham Q. M. col. Miss Butts and Miss Baker . . . . .	5.03
Rochester aux. True Memorial ch. for sch. at Balasore . . . . .	6.00
Rockingham Q. M. aux. col. . . . .	5.40
Somersworth aux. for Miss Barnes and Miss Butts . . . . .	15.00
West Barrington ch. Miss Butts and Miss Baker . . . . .	7.00
Wentworth Q. M. for Miss Barnes O. and P . . . . .	10.00

## VERMONT.

East Orange aux. Mrs. Smith's sal . . . . .	2.30
Corinth Q. M. col. do. . . . .	11.00
Huntington Q. M. do. . . . .	1.00
West Topsham ch. do. . . . .	2.00
Wheelock Q. M. col. do. . . . .	22.00

## MASSACHUSETTS.

Abington, Mrs. Talbot for child in Sinclair Orphanage formerly sup. by her daughter . . . . .	25.00
Amesbury aux . . . . .	5.00
Brockton, Mrs. Howes for mem- bership . . . . .	1.00
Lowell aux. Paige St. for scholar-	

ship in India \$10.00 and gen. fund \$1.00 . . . . .	\$11.00
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## RHODE ISLAND.

Olneyville annual meeting of soc. col . . . . .	14.25
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